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SUBJECT: CUBAN SANCTIONS

1. FONMIN FACIO TOLD ME THIS MORNING (JULY 31) WITH SATISFACTION THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD ACCEPTED U.S. SCENARIO FOR POSTPONING OAS ACTION ON CUBA UNTIL LATER IN YEAR (ON UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WOULD NOT OPPOSE OAS MEETING AT THAT TIME) AND THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ HAD AGREED TO CONCERT WITH VENEZUELA.

2. AT NOON TODAY, HOWEVER, FACIO TOLD ME HE HAD JUST RECEIVED DISTURBING REPORT FROM HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CARACAS, MARIO BLANCO, TO EFFECT THAT FONMIN SCHACHT WAS NOW DESCRIBING THE GOV POSITION (AND UNDERSTANDING WITH AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD AND LOPEZ) AS CALLING FOR OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING WITHIN ONE WEEK. THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN ESTABLISH SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION ON CUBA TO REPORT BACK IN THREE MONTHS RATHER THAN TWO MONTHS AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY FACIO.

3. ACCORDING TO FACIO, BLANCO IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED SCHACHT THAT THIS WAS NOT HIS (BLANCO'S) OR FACIO'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN PEREZ AND AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD. SCHACHT REPORTEDLY THEN SAID HE WOULD CLARIFY THIS MATTER IN A CONVERSATION
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HE WAS TO HAVE AT 5:00 P.M. WITH THE PRESIDENT.

4. COMMENT: FACIO IS VERY CONCERNED OVER THIS LATEST REPORT, AND I GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE NOW THINKS THAT SCHACHT IS PLAYING GAMES. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF I COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PASS ON TO FACIO HIGHLIGHTS OF AMBASSADOR VAKY'S CONVERSATION WITH LOPEZ WHEN RECEIVED (BOGOTA 6737) AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CLARIFICATIONS ON THE STATE OF PLAY FROM CARACAS OR THE DEPARTMENT. FACIO IS NOT PERESENTLY PLANNING VISIT TO BOGOTA.
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